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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO JULY 4 MESSAGE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT KEREKOU IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE, DATED JULY 3. QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF OUR ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY RMG.

3. FYI. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED MESSAGE BY LETTER FROM DAHOMEY EMBASSY. TEXT OF MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. ON THE OCCASION OF THE 199TH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR GREAT COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE, WE HAVE THE HONOR TO EXTEND OUR
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WARM AND SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND

TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ON BEHALF OF THE DAHOMEAN PEOPLE,
THE NATIONAL REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, THE NATIONAL POLITICAL
OFFICE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY MILITARY GOVERNMENT. ACCEPT,
EXCELLENCY, OUR BEST WISHES FOR YOUR PERSONAL HAPPINESS
AND THAT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

VERY HIGH REGARDS, LT. COL. MATHIEU KEREKOU. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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